Right to strike by Government employees

†300. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has declared the right of Government employees to go on strike as illegal; and

(b) if so, what is the actual status of Government employees' constitutional right to go on strike at present?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in their judgement dated 6th August, 2003 in the case of T.K. Rangarajan Vs. Government of Tamil Nadu and others held that no right to strike—whether Fundamental, Statutory or Equitable/Moral-exists with the Government employees.

Employment opportunity

†301. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of schemes are being effected by Government in different names with a view to generate the employment opportunities in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes alongwith their respective names;

(c) the date of inception of each of these schemes; and

(d) the total expenditure incurred upon each scheme till the end of March, 2003 and the details of allocation made to each of the said schemes?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) to (d) Various Ministries/Department in Central as well as State Governments are implementing various employment generation schemes. The details for the major employment generation schemes run by Central Government through the State Governments are given in the enclosed Statement.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Major Employment Generation Schemes employment opportunity

A. Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY)

Name of the scheme	Date of launching	Fund released	
		Year	Rs. in Lakhs
Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY)	1.12.1997	1997-98	9862.87
		1998-99	15847.00
		1999-2000	11877.29
		2000-01	8513.00
		2001-02	3831.00
		2002-03	10091.77

B. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY)

Name of the scheme	Date of launching	Amount Spent	
		Year	Rs. in crore
Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY)	2.10.1993	1993-94	34.79
		1994-95	120.05
		1995-96	145.00
		1996-97	114.98
		1997-98	94.86
		1998-99	135.50
		1999-2000	190.00
		2000-01	201.00
		2001-02	193.50
		2002-03	168.10

C. Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)

Name of the scheme	Date of launching	Fund utilised	
		Year	Rs. in crores
Sampoorna Grameen Razgar Yojana (SGRY)	1.4.2002	1999-2000	4217.87**
		2000-01	3868.94**
		2001-02	3792.86**
		2002-03*	3698.82

*Upto February, 2003

**Under JGSY and EAS (merged into SGRY)

D. Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)

Name of the scheme	Date of launching	Fund utilised	
		Year	Rs. in crore
Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) 1116.27	1.4.1999	1999-2000	959.86
			2000-01
		2001-02	969.78
		2002-03*	659.53

*Upto February, 2003.

E. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

Name of the scheme	Date of launching	Fund allocated	
		Year	Rs. in crore
Pradhan Manti Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)	25.12.2000	2000-01	2500.50**
		2001-02	2500.00
		2002-03	2500.00

**Rs. 0.50 crore for roads in special problem areas

F. Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP)

Name of the scheme	Date of launching	Fund utilised	
		Year	Rs. in Crores
Rural Employment	1.4.1995	1995-96	0.00
Generation Programme		1996-97	57.85
(REGP)		1997-98	54.81
		1998-99	88.71
		1999-2000	101.74
		2000-01	112.54
		2001-02	191.62
		2002-03+	200.00

+Estimated Expenditure

Employees in P.S.Us.

302. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers, employees and officers in the disinvested PSUs just prior to disinvestments and as on date; and

(b) what was the minimum wage in these PSUs prior to their disinvestments and what is the present minimum wages?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) The number of employees in the disinvested PSUs prior to disinvestments and at present is enclosed as statement (*See* below).

(b) Minimum wages fixed under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 pertain to scheduled employments only. However, PSUs including disinvested PSUs normally negotiate revision of pay scales through wage settlements entered into between the management and the workers' unions from time to time.